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Re: US National Phase of PCT/FR00/02546

Dear Sir:

Request hereby is made under 37 CFR 1.14 for status information regarding the US national phase of the above-noted International application. Please advise as to:

- (i) whether the application is pending, abandoned, or patented;
- (ii) whether the application has been published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b); and
- (iii) the US application number.

The International application, which designated the US, has been published under No. WO 01/22368 and a copy is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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